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Attached is a list of Awareness Reviews that are currently pending with me. Please let me know on how to proceed.

It has just come to my attention, that Region 5 mailed the responsive records to the requester outside of FOIAonline, when they were unable to close a request due to an Awareness Review.

(EPA-R5-2017-008894) We will be reaching out to Region 5 to impress upon them that all records released through a FOIA request must be released through FOIAonline only, unless a waiver is obtained from me, consistent with the FOIA Policy. See Section 6. 9. of the Policy. The Policy can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/freedom-information-act-foia-policy>

On a larger front, based upon a conversation with Liz Bowman and Becky Dolph, we have been putting Awareness Reviews on all FOIA requests that are being summarized by the FEAT. The goal was to add the reviews to the complete list and then remove the reviews once we receive an updated list identifying the requests where Awareness Review are being requested. We have not been receiving the annotated list. As a result, we have been adding Awareness Reviews to approx. 30 FOIA requests a week, which is precluding the program and regions from closing out any FOIA request that was summarized by the FEAT.

Please feel free to call me to discuss.

Thanks

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